

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement, and provisionally elects with traverse the invention of claims 1-20.

The Examiner stated that the inventions of Groups II and I were related as process and apparatus for practice. The Examiner stated that the apparatus as claimed could be used to practice another and materially different process such as electrolytic plating.

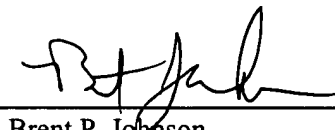
The independent claims in Group I are claims 1 and 11. The preambles of both of the independent claims recite an electrocoagulation treatment device. In the body of both claims, the claimed plurality of reaction plates are specifically recited as being consumed over time due to electrocoagulation. The Examiner has already identified that electrolytic plating is another and materially different process. Claims 1-20 are specifically confined to electrocoagulation because both the preambles and bodies of the claims have positive limitations which require electrocoagulation. The apparatus as claimed cannot be used to practice another and materially different process such as electrolytic plating because the language set forth above in each of the broadest claims of the group limit the invention to electrocoagulation. In the disclosure of the invention, it is also noted that polarity between the reaction plates can be switched thereby preventing build up. Reversing polarity in the manner discussed in the disclosure of the present invention absolutely teaches away from any type of electrolytic plating.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and allow each of the claims 1-22 to be examined together in the present application.

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